

Weekly Column for July 31, 2008

Earlier this morning I had the great opportunity to meet with Mitchell Smyth, a travel writer composing a story for the Toronto Star, in which Troy will play a starring role. He was in Troy to take a tour with Rensselaer County Historian Kathy Sheehan, and stopped by my office to talk a little about Uncle Sam and his history in Troy.

I always enjoy welcoming visitors to the City, and hope that Mr. Smyth enjoyed the rest of his day in Troy. One of the more exciting parts of my job is seeing the look in the eyes of different visitors when they take a glance around downtown Troy for the first time. We have something very special going for us here.

As we head into August, that means we have two annual events coming up that I am looking forward to, and both happen to bookend next weekend.

On August 8th, I am happy to announce we will once again be holding the Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament to benefit the Frear Park Conservancy. This will be the 11th year in a row the tournament takes place. The cost is \$85, and includes greens fees, cart, continental breakfast, box lunch, beverages on the course, and a full post tournament buffet.

If you are interested in signing up, please contact Larry Reilly or Bob Barnes at 270-4553.

The following Monday, we will be celebrating Troy Day the Races! This will be the fifth consecutive year The Troy will take place in Saratoga, and it is always a fun day. Be sure to mark your calendars for that one as well.

It seems strange to be saying this, but welcome to August! One month left before school is back in session.

Have a great weekend.

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Mayor of Troy